

**DECLARATION AND  
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(Utility Patent Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DECODING IMAGES USING DEDICATED  
HARDWARE CIRCUITRY AND A PROGRAMMABLE PROCESSOR**

the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ with amendment(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ was filed as PCT international application:  
serial number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Section 119 of Title 35, United States Code for the above-identified US patent application based on the patent or inventor's certificate identified below and having a filing date before that of the US patent application for which priority is claimed:

Application No.   Country   Filing Date   Priority Claimed  
under 35 U.S.C. 119

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